

its plans shall play in the development of our beloved Zion and to this end I pray we may unreservedly commit ourselves. In as much as place is provided in the conference program for reports from various boards and committees, I will dwell more particularly upon such things as will best find a place in your deliberations thru this report. One of the most notable of the year's developments was the completion and dedication of a substantial and beautiful church and parsonage by our Pittsburg brethren, the organization of a congregation at Vandergrift Heights, with Brother Wampler as elder and Brother Buzzard as pastor. The erection of a church building at Martinsburg that will be dedicated on the 6th of this month. The committee that has had charge of the quarterly missionary conferences should report the results and if found desirable, plans should be adopted for their continuance. One feature of our beneficences that should find a safe and ready channel for expression is the aiding of churches burdened financially and the rendering of assistance to congregations that desire to build but can supply but a part of the necessary funds. There are several places in this district where some one brother has had to assume the responsibility and obligation that belongs to us as a whole. I would therefore recommend the creation of the office of secretary of church extension and church erection who shall have charge of such monies as the Lord shall lead you to supply. These monies to be used in the payment on interest of debts already contracted and the assisting in the erection of new churches. That this might be fully considered by this conference I would recommend the appointment of a committee to consider these needs and the best way of meeting them and report as soon as possible a working plan. There is a good show of liberality in missions and the handling of \$500 or more each year by the mission board ought to bring results. During the conference year Brother Byers has left our conference, entering the Ohio district, while Brother Darling has resigned the Pittsburg work to take up the State mission work of California. Brother Witter resigned at Jones Mills to spend some time in Ashland College, while Brother Burnworth comes to us from Kansas. This exodus from our State is somewhat startling and calls for awakening along several lines. We need more pastors and we need more of our young men in preparation for the ministry. The church at Pittsburg and the members of this conference have met a serious loss in the death of Rose Darling and our sympathies go out to Brother Darling and to her parents, brother and sister R. Z. Replogle in their great loss. Praying God's blessings, the choicest, on you in your deliberations I hereby submit my report.

The credential committee thru Brother Keller showed 27 lay delegates and 30 ministerial. Moved and seconded that three delegates whose credentials were improperly signed be accepted. Carried. Total to this time 30 lay and 30 ministerial delegates. The moderator appointed as tellers P. M. Swinehart, J. H. Burnworth, E. E. Byers. The election resulted as follows: moderator, Roger E. Darling; vice moderator, E. E. Haskins; secretary, L. A. Hazlett; treasurer, J. H. Knepper. The chair appointed the following committees: Queries, Sylvester Wilcox, Sarah Cobaugh, Mollie Gans; Parochial Reports and Tabulated Statement, E. H. Smith, L. J. Ripple, Lee Furry; Resolutions, L. S. Bauman, W. A. Harman, R. Z. Replogle, J. R. Keller, I. D. Bowman.

Moved by Brother Replogle that opening speeches be limited to fifteen minutes and succeeding ones to five minutes. Carried.

The first topic on program, "Would the church be benefited by calling young men who are qualified to the local ministry," by J. H. Knepper. General discussion by Haskins, Smith, I. D. Bowman, J. L. Bowman, John Furry, Samuel Buzzard. Adjournment.

#### SECOND SESSION

Meeting called to order by moderator. Praise



**Light Biscuit**  
**Delicious Cake**  
**Dainty Pastries**  
**Fine Puddings**  
**Flaky Crusts**

service by E. H. Smith. Devotional services by J. H. Burnworth. Minutes read and approved. Discussion followed as to the propriety of admitting delegates not regularly signed credentials. Moved by Brother Haskins that the question of admitting delegates with improperly signed credentials be laid on the table. Carried.

"Would the church be benefited by the adoption of a catechism?" Opened by E. E. Haskins, followed by J. B. Wampler, Bowman, O'Neill, L. S. Bauman.

"The modus operandi of foreign mission work," a paper prepared by J. C. Cassel and read by Albert Trent. General discussion by I. D. Bowman, J. B. Wampler, and L. S. Bauman.

Moved and carried that conference devote some time on the morrow for foreign mission work. Queries were answered. Report of treasurer, collection for the evening \$4.64. Adjourned.

#### THIRD SESSION

Opening service, J. L. Bowman. Minutes read and approved. Miscellaneous business. Brother Knepper made the following motion: Resolved that all pastors be requested to lift at least one collection in each congregation the coming year for the superannuated fund and send the same to Mrs. J. H. Knepper, Meyersdale, Pa.

Total treasurer's report to date, \$39.05.

Report of Mission Board by R. Z. Replogle, secretary of Home Mission Board of Pennsylvania: Amount received from churches at former convention after account was closed, \$57.56. Altoona church, 14.39; Brush Valley, 13.21; Berlin, 16.00; Conemaugh, 30.75; Cherry Hill, 6.92; Downey, 7.00; Elk Lick, 12.00; Fairview, 6.09; Glade Run, 15.58; Grove, (personal subs) —; Highland, —; Jones Mills, 9.54; Johnstown and Moxham, 100.00; Listie, 10.24; Liberty, 5.21; Meyersdale, 30.00; Mt. Everett, 12.10; Mt. Union, 5.48; Martinsburg, 9.50; McVeytown, 1.00; McKees, 7.50; New Enterprise, 17.50; Pike, 9.15; Philadelphia, 35.00; Pittsburg, 31.00; Rosedale, 13.67; Summit Mills, 17.50; Sergeantsville, 15.00; Union Chapel, 5.00; Vinco, 10.84; L. L. Tombaugh, 1.00; L. Deffenbaugh and Mattie Longenecker, 1.00; S. H. Buzzard and wife, 1.00; W. Davis and wife, 1.00; Whitaker and wife, 50c; Wampler and wife, 50c; Sallie Griffith, 1.00; Mollie Gans, 1.00; M. C. Meyers, 1.00. Total, \$531.48. Total liabilities: Due J. B. Wampler \$43.17; On McVeytown building, 120.00. Payment and interest due \$300.00, one, two and three years hence.

Report of treasurer of Home Mission Board of Pennsylvania for conference year ending Oct. 3, 1901: Balance on hand Oct. 4, 1900, \$39.99; Received from secretary during conference, \$489.56; Total, \$529.55. Disbursements: J. B. Wampler,

expenses to National Conferences 1900, 16.79; Daniel Crofford, expense in transfer of McVeytown church, 40.48; Daniel Crofford, insurance on McVeytown church, 14.00; John M. Rose, expense in securing mission board charter, 15.00; L. A. Hazlett, evangelistic services, 22.89; E. H. Smith, evangelistic services, 20.50; Stephen Hildebrand, evangelistic services, 34.52; R. Z. Replogle, evangelistic services, 77.11; Daniel Crofford, expense mission service, 3.92; W. A. Adams, expense mission service, 3.92; W. A. Crofford expense mission service, 5.34; Albert Trent, expense to McVeytown, 3.92. Total, \$258.39. Balance on hand Oct. 3, 1901, \$271.16. Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT TRENT, Treas.

Moved and carried that report of treasurer be accepted. Moved by I. D. Bowman that we elect a delegate to National Conference. Carried. J. H. Knepper was elected. Moved and carried that we elect Daniel Crofford trustee of Ashland College. Report of local evangelists of Pennsylvania field by L. A. Hazlett and R. Z. Replogle. Moved by E. E. Haskins that we proceed to elect a State evangelist. E. H. Smith was unanimously elected State evangelist. Adjourned.

#### FOURTH SESSION

Devotional services conducted by P. M. Swinehart. Minutes approved.

W. A. Adams gave the following report on Tabulated Statement and Parochial Report: Number of congregations, 25; number of members at beginning of year, 2075; number of members added by baptism, 221; number of members added by relation, 27; number of members added by letter, 24. Whole number 258. Removals during year, 71; number of members died during year, 17; Total number members at end of year, 2299; number of communions during year, public 44; private 3; total 47. Percentum of members communed, 61; number of regular appointments, 31; number of mission points, 6. Number of sermons preached during year, 1734; number of pastoral visits made during year, 1566; pastors' salary, \$6373; amount paid pastors, \$6289; amount paid for buildings and repairs during year, \$22900.49; amount paid for missions, \$592.90. Total amount of expenses—moneys paid for all purposes, \$29880.64. Number of houses owned in fee simple, 27; union houses, 2; value of church property, \$60800.00.

W. A. ADAMS,  
L. Z. RIPPLE,  
LEE FURRY.

Report was adopted and committee discharged with thanks. J. H. Knepper moved that the treasurer pay Daniel Crofford's National Conference expenses, which are \$30.33, with the understanding that next year's delegate pay his own. Carried. Moved and seconded that the seal be affixed to the